

In general, I agree with this request. All technician class licensees should be given the same HF privileges as the tech+ license without element 1 testing. The specific additional HF frequencies would be up to the commission.

A Morse code requirement for the Extra class license MUST be retained for two reasons. The Extra class license is the top technical license available to the amateur operator and must retain its technical rigor relative to other licenses. Those seeking this license deserve to have its meaning as the top license preserved. Secondly, there are still many countries still using Morse code as a means for commercial communications. I would hate to see a future situation where a large-scale emergency occurs in a third-world country whose amateurs are trying to communicate with the outside world using Morse code but no one in the USA is able to understand.

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